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SUBJECT:ARTHUR HALL AFRO-AMERICAN DANCE ENSEMBLE AND
PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLTEACHERS-PRIVATE AFRICAN TOUR PLANS

1. ARTHUR HALL, DANCER/CHOREOGRAPHER WHO VISITED GHANA
WITH HIS COMPANY IN 1974 AND WAS PROGRAMMED THERE BY USIS,
IS PLANNING RETURN TRIP GHANA PLUS ACTION POSTS BETWEEN
JULY 31 AND AUGUST 20, 1978. TOURING COMPANY CONSISTS OF
8 ADULT DANCERS PLUS CHILDREN'S COMPANY OF TEN DANCERS.
IN ADDITION TWENTY-TWO SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM PHILADELPHIA
AREA WHO ARE INVOLVED IN AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS WILL
ACCOMPANY. TOTAL GROUP ESTIMATED AT 40 PERSONS. TEACHERS
PAYING OWN WAY. TEACHERS MAKE MOVEMENT PART OF TEACHING
PROCESS AND BELIEVE IN PRESERVATION OF BLACK HISTORY
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THROUGH EVALUATION OF AFRICAN DANCES.

2. HALL REQUESTING DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING
APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS WITHIN EACH COUNTRY. INTERESTED IN
STUDYING AFRICAN CULTURE AS WELL AS GIVING SEMINARS,
WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCES. ALSO HOPING FOR ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING HOUSING IN DORMITORIES.

3. HALL HAS ALSO REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DANCE COMPANY MEMBERS. DEPT HAS ADVISED THAT WE MUST OBTAIN CURRENT ARTISTIC EVALUATION OF COMPANY AND ASCERTAIN IF COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN AND ABLE TO COOPERATE BEFORE ANY CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL HELP. COMPANY WILL BE EVALUATED END OF MAY.

4. ADVISE ASAP IF INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING.

5. FOR ACCRA: COUNTRY PROGRAM OFFICER GENEVIEVE WEST HAS ADVISED CU/ARTS OF DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND REALIZE POST MAY NOT WISH TO ACCOMMODATE THIS GROUP BECAUSE OF STRAINS ON RESOURCES. WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS ASSESSMENT TO PASS ON FOR GROUP'S INFORMATION. COOPER

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